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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MOPS, CASC, LA, AS
SUBJECT: AMCIT CHARLES DEAN/SOTH PETHRASY VISIT
REF: A. CANBERRA 0220; B. VIENTIANE 0256

1. REF B CONFIRMS VIEWS EXPRESSED BY AUSTRALIAN EMBOFF IN JANUARY 13 MEETING HERE THAT, WHILE GOA WOULD NOT TIE FUTURE AUSTRALIAN AID TO PGNU TO PROGRESS ON RELEASE OF SHARMAN, AUSTRALIAN PRESS COULD BE EXPECTED TO DOG ECONOMY MINISTER SOTH PETHRASY WITH QUESTIONS ON THE CASE DURING HIS PLANNED CANBERRA VISIT. EMBOFF SAID FACT THAT SHARMAN HAD BEEN A NEWSMAN AS WELL AS HUMAN INTEREST ELEMENT IN SHARMAN STORY PROMPTED GROWING PRESS REACTION.

2. WE SHARE HOPE THAT POSTPONEMENT OF SOTH'S VISIT BY RAISING THE PRICE OF INTRANSIGENCE, MAY RESULT IN SOME FORWARD MOVEMENT IN THE CASE. WE FIND VIENTIANE SIDE'S HELP IN THIS REGARD COMMENDABLE.

3. HOWARD DEAN HAS BEEN KEPT INFORMED OF THESE AND OTHER RECENT DEVELOPMENTS. AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, HE AND MRS.
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DEAN WILL BE IN DEPARTMENT JANUARY 17 FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH

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DEPTOFFS. MR. DEAN TODAY TOLD DEPTOFF MRS. DEAN IS
THINKING ABOUT POSSIBLE TRIP TO LAOS. WOULD APPRECIATE
EMBASSY'S COMMENTS ON USEFULNESS/TIMING OF THIS POSSIBILITY.
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